

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

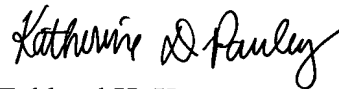
Favorable reconsideration of this application, in light of the present amendments and following discussion, is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-4, 6-13, 15, 29, and 30 are pending; Claims 5 and 16-28 are canceled; and no claims are newly added or amended herewith.

In the Advisory Action dated January 29, 2004, it was indicated that Claims 1-4, 6-13, 15, 29, and 30 would be allowable if submitted in an amendment canceling the non-allowable claims. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. An early and favorable action is therefore respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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